

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 945
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2013; March 4, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
 1-4 Services; March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman			X	
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Taylor			X	
1-13 Uresti	X			
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the identification requirements of certain health care
 1-20 providers associated with a hospital.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.009 to read as follows:
 1-24 Sec. 241.009. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE REQUIRED. (a) In
 1-25 this section:

1-26 (1) "Health care provider" means a person who provides
 1-27 health care services at a hospital as a physician, as an employee of
 1-28 the hospital, under a contract with the hospital, or in the course
 1-29 of a training or educational program at the hospital.

1-30 (2) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under this
 1-31 chapter.

1-32 (b) A hospital shall adopt a policy requiring a health care
 1-33 provider providing direct patient care at the hospital to wear a
 1-34 photo identification badge during all patient encounters, unless
 1-35 precluded by adopted isolation or sterilization protocols. The
 1-36 badge must be of sufficient size and worn in a manner to be visible
 1-37 and must clearly state:

1-38 (1) at minimum the provider's first or last name;

1-39 (2) the department of the hospital with which the
 1-40 provider is associated;

1-41 (3) the provider's title, as assigned by the hospital;
 1-42 and

1-43 (4) if applicable, the provider's status as a student,
 1-44 intern, trainee, or resident.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.

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